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This report presents preliminary findings from a mail survey of all optometrists licensed to practice in the State of North Dakota. The survey was conducted in 1973 by the International Association of Boards of Examiners in Optometry as part of a national endeavor to collect data on all optometrists in the United States. Approximately 97 percent of the 76 optometrists who were sent questionnaires responded. Thus, the professional characteristics of an overwhelming majority of optometrists are described in the report. Tabulated data show the number of optometrists by: (1) county of primary practice, (2) age and sex, (3) school and year of graduation, (4) activity status and age, (5) principal form of employment and age, (6) years of practice and use of supplementary personnel, (7) primary specialty and age, and (8) type of activity and age. A sample questionnaire is included in the report. (EB)



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INTRODUCTION

The International Association of Boards of Examiners in Optometry in 1973, conducted a mail survey of all optometrists licensed to practice in the State of North Dakota. The survey was conducted concurrently with the optometrists reregistration with the State Licensing Board.

This report presents preliminary findings from the survey, as furnished by optometrists in the State who completed and returned questionnaires. Approximately 97 percent of the 76 optometrists in the State who were sent questionnaires responded. Thus the professional characteristics of an overwhelming majority of optometrists in the State are described here.

The survey of optometrists in North Dakota is part of a national endeavor to collect data on all optometrists in the United Optometric licensing boards in all States are States. utilizing the same questionnaire to survey optometrists licensed in their respective States. As data collection is completed for each State, similar individual State reports will be issued. A more comprehensive national report will published after data collection is completed for all be The Division of Manpower Intelligence, Health Resources Development, Health Resources Administration, is coordinating this national survey program done under contract, to assist the profession in developing a data base for optometric manpower. The goal is to make basic data on health manpower available, at the earliest date possible, to States, counties, planning agencies, and other interested parties.

For purposes of this survey, <u>active</u> optometrists are defined those currently in patient care (optometric practice), teaching, research, and administration. Those categorized as full-time are in practice 30 or more hours per week. optometrists include only those optometrists Practicing engaged in patient care. The questionnaire used in this survey included an appendix to this report. It should be as noted that all items in the tables that follow are comparable to those found on the questionnaire, from a definitional standpoint. In some tables, asterisks may be used to denote data omitted to preserve confidentiality of Individuals.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- * In the State of North Dakota, 96 percent of the optometrists were reported as being active, i.e., engaged in patient care, teaching, research, and administration. Of the total number of optometrists in the State, 95 percent were in patient care.
- * The largest number of active optometrists in a single county in North Dakota were reported in Ward County: 9 optometrists, or 13 percent of all those in the State.
- * Thirty percent of the active optometrists were under 40 years of age; 62 percent were between 40 and 59 years; and 8 percent were 60 years or older.
- * The school graduating the largest number of active optometrists in the State -- 24 or 34 percent -- was Northern Illinois College of Optometry.
- * Of the active optometrists, 90 percent were working 30 or more hours a week.
- * In the State of North Dakota, 86 percent of the active optometrists were self-employed, with 63 percent in solo practice. Of all employed optometrists, the greatest number were employed by Professional Corporations.
- * Eighty-nine percent of the practicing optometrists, i.e. those engaged in patient care, reported that they employed supplementary personnel to assist them.
- * Of the practicing optometrists reporting a specialty, the greatest number reported Contact Lenses.
- * The vast majority, 70 or 99 percent, of the active optometrists in the State were in optometric practice.



TABLE 1.

WUNDER OF OPTONETRISTS BY COUNTY OF PRIMARY PRACTICE:
North Dakota, 1973

COUNTY OF PRIMARY PRACTICE		ACTIVE OPTORETRISTS 1/	
TOTAL	74	71	70
A DA MS	1	1	1
BARNES	3	3	2
OOTTINEAU	1	1	1
OWHAR	1	1	1
ORLBIGH	7	7	7
:ASS	5	4	4
AVALIER	1	1.	1
ICKBL	1	1	1
IVIDE	1	1	1
nnons	1	1	1
STER	1	1	1
RAND FORKS	6	6	6
RIGGS	1	1	1
ETTINGER	1	1	1
CINTOSH	1	1	1
CKENZIB	1	1	1
ERCER	1	1	. 1
ORTON	2	2	2
EMBINA	1	1	1
ARSEY	4	4	4
AN SOM	1	1	1

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TABLE 1. (CONCLUDED)

NUMBER OF OPTOMETRISTS BY COUNTY OF PRIMARY PRACTICE:
North Dakota, 1973

	OPTORETRISTS	ACTIVE OPTORETRISTS 1/	IN PATIENT CARE
RICHLAND	2	2	2
ROLETTE	1	1	1
STARK	5	4	4
STEELE	1	1	1
STUTSHAN	5	5	5
WALSH	3	3	3
WARD	9	9	9
WELLS	1	1	1
WILLIAMS	5	4	4

^{1/} INCLUDES OPTOMETRISTS ENGAGED IN PATIENT CARE, TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND ADMINISTRATION.



Table 2.

NUMBER AND PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE OPTOMETRISTS BY AGE AND SEX:
North Dakota, 1973

	Number of	Active O	toretrists	Perce	nt Distri	.bution
Age in Years	Both Sexes	Hale	Female	Both Sexes	Hale	Fenale
ALL AGES	71	71	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 3C	4	4	0	5.6	5.6	0.0
30-39	17	17	0	23.9	23.9	0.0
40-49	28	28	0	39.4	39.4	0.0
50-59	16	16	0 .	22.5	22.5	0.0
6C-69	6	6	0	8.5	8.5	0.0
7C and over	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Reported	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0



Table 3.

NUMBER OF ACTIVE CETOMETRISTS, BY SCHOOL AND YEAR OF GRADUATION:

North Dakota, 1973

			Year (of Gradu	ation		
School of Graduation	All Active Optometrists 1/	Before 1930	1930- 1939	1940- 1949	1950- 1959	1960- 1969	1970 or Later
ALL SCHOOLS	71	0	5	13	22	21	2
Ohio State	1	*	*	*	*	•	*
Illinois	20	0	0	3	5	10	0
Scuthern	4	0	0	0	3	1	0
Pacific	13	0	C	0	2	9	1
Hcuston	1	*	*	*	•	•	*
Indiana	1	*	*	*	*	• .	*
California (Berkely)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	*	*	*		*	*
Pennsylvania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
.Massachusetts	0	0	C	0	0	. 0	0
Northern Illinois	24	0	5	8	7	0	0
Chicage (Monree)	6	0	0	0	5	0	O
Columbia	0	0	0 .	0	0	0	0
Needles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pochester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montreal		0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterloc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cther	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Reported.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

^{1/} Includes those oftcmetrists who did not report year of graduation.



^{*} Tata omitted to preserve confidentiality of individuals.

Table 4.

NUMBER OF CPIONETRISTS, BY ACTIVITY STATUS AND AGE:

North Dakota, 1973

				Age i	n Years	3	
Activity Status	All Ages 1/	Under 30	30- 39	40- 49	50- 59	60- 69	70 and Over
TCTAL	74	4	17	28	17	7	1
ACTIVE	71	4	17	28	16	6	0
Working 30 or more hours	64	4	14	25	16	5	0
Working less than 30 hours	7	C	3	3	0	1	0
INACTI VE	3	0	0	e	1	1	1
Retired	2	*	•	• •	*	*	•
Unemployed	O	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recent graduate 2/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other unemployed	0	0	0	0	0	0	. 0
All cther inactive	1	•	*	•	•	*	•
iot Reported	C	0	0	0	0	0	0

^{1/} Includes those optometrists who did not report year of birth.

^{2/} Graduate of optometry school within past 12 months.

^{*} Data omitted to preserve confidentiality of individuals.

Table 5.

NUMBER OF ACTIVE OPTCHEIRISTS, BY PRINCIPAL FORM OF EMPLOYMENT AND AGE:

North Dakota, 1973

		Age in Years						
Principal Porm of Employment	All Ages <u>1</u> /	Under 30	30- 39	40- 49	50- 59	60- 69	70 and Over	
TOTAL	71	4	17	28	16	6	0	
SELF EMPLOYED	61	3	15	23	15	5	0	
Solo practice	45	1	10	19	11	4	0	
Fartnership	14	1	5	4	3	1	0	
Group	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	
EMPLOYET	8	1	2	4	1	0	0	
Professional corporation	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	
Federal government (Military)	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Federal government (Non-military)	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	
State or local government	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other crtcmetrist	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Ophthalmclogist	2	*	*	*	*	*	•	
Physician	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Firm or manufacturer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-profit organizatn or institution	o	U	0	0	0	0	0	
Multidisciplinary grp practice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Not Reported	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	

^{1/} Includes the optometrists who did not report year of birth.



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Table 6.

NUMBER OF PRACTICING OFTOMETRISTS, BY YEARS IN PRACTICE AND USE CF SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONNEL:

North Dakota, 1973

Optometrists in Patient Care

Employing	Supplementary	Personnel	1/
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Years in Practice	Total	Number	Percent
ALL LENGTHS OF PRACTICE	70	62	88.6
Less than 10	13	12	92.3
10-19	27	23	85.2
20-29	22	21	95.5
30-39	3	3	100.0
40 or Bore	3	1	33.3
Not Reported	2	2	100.0

^{1/} Includes secretaries, receptionists, paroptometric personnel, dispensing opticians, optical and contact lenses technicians.



Table 7.

NUMBER OF PRACTICING OPTOMETRISTS, BY PRIMARY SPECIALTY AND AGE:
North Dakota, 1973

		•	Oftometi	ists in	Patien	t Care	
				Ageir	Years		
Primary Specialty	A11 Ages <u>1</u> /	Under 30	30- 39	40-	50- 59	60 - 69	70 and Over
ALL SPECIALTIES	7C	4	17	27	16	6	0
Contact lenses	51	3	15	22	8	3	0
Visual training	1	*	*	*	*	*	•
Subnormal vision	. 1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cevelopmental vision	1	, *	*	*	*	*	*
Occupational vision	3	0	0	2	0	1	0
Aniseikonic therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other <u>2</u> /	4 .	r,	0	0	4	0	0
Nct Reported	9 .	1	2	2	2	2	0

^{1/} Includes those optometrists who did not report year of birth.



 $[\]underline{2}$ / Includes those optometrists reporting 100 percent of their time spent in general practice.

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Table 8.

NUMBER OF ACTIVE OPTOMETRISTS, EY TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND AGE:

NOITH Dakota, 1972

			A	ge in 1	ears		
Type of Activity	Ages 1/	Under 30	30- 39	40- 49	50- 59	60- 69	70 and Over
ALL ACTIVITIES 2/	71	4	17	28	16	6	0
Optometric practice	70	4	17	27	16	6	0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	0
Research	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	0
Administration	c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Reported	1	•	*	*	*		*

^{1/} Includes those optometrists who did not report year of birth.

²/ Numbers may add to more than total as optometrists may report more than one activity.

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			National Census Optometric Manpower Resources
	NAM	IE: Dr. (1-15) Last	, (16-26) First MI (27)
	PRIM	MARY PLACE OF PRACTICE (or Residence if not practicing optometry)	Number and Street (28-47)
		DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	City
		ST 62 63 CO 64 65 64	State Zip Code (48-52)
		CT 67 66 69 70 SM 71 72 73 74	Social Security Number (53-61)
· 9 0)	1.	In which States do you currently hold	an ACTIVE LICENSE to practice Optometry?
.021	2		
		Present State of Residence:	
· 94)		Present State of Residence: Year of Birth: Male	
-94))	3. 4.	Present State of Residence: Year of Birth: Sex: 1 Male 2 Female	
-94))		Present State of Residence: Year of Birth: Male	ian 6 All Other
-94) i)	3. 4.	Present State of Residence: Year of Birth: Sex: 1 Male 2 Female Racial/Ethnic Category:	ian 6 All Other(Specify)
1-94) 5)	3. 4.	Present State of Residence: Year of Birth: Sex: 1 Male 2 Female Racial/Ethnic Category: 1 White/Caucasi	ian 6 All Other(Specify) Also mark if applicable:
1-92) 1-94) 1)	3. 4.	Present State of Residence: Year of Birth: Sex: 1 Male 2 Female Racial/Ethnic Category: 1 White/Caucasi 2 Black/Negro	ian 6 All Other(Specify) Also mark if applicable:



Graduated from optometry school in 19...... (Year) (97-98) 6. Name of School: (99-100) 07 ____ California (Berkeley) 13 ___ Columbia 01 ___ Ohio State 14 ____ Needles 02 ___ Illinois 08 ___ Los Angeles 15 ____ Rochester 09 ___ Pennsylvania 03 ___ Southern 10 ___ Massachusetts 16 ____ Montreal 04 ___ Pacific 17 ____ Waterloo 05 ___ Houston 11 ___ Northern Illinois 18 ____ OTHER ___ 06 ____ Indiana 12 ___ Chicago (Monroe) Degrees Earned in addition to Optometric: (Check all that apply and Indicate in what field.) (104) 4 ____ Associate _______ 1 ____ Doctorate _____ (101) (105) 5 ____ Other _____ 2 ____ Master's _____ (102) (106) 6 ____ None 3 ____ Bachelor's ___ (103)HIGHEST Level of FORMAL Education Attained: (Check appropriate boxes in grid) **YEARS** COMPLETED 2 4 5 6 or more 0 1 3 COLLEGE (107) Pre-Optometry Optometry (108) Post-Optometry (109) Are you currently active in optometry? (Include patient care, teaching, and administration.) 7 -1101 No, retired. Yes, full time. No, unemployed (recent graduate of Yes, part time. optometry school) No, unemployed (not recent graduate of optometry school) Proceed to Item 8 No, not active in optometry. In what field are you active?_ STOP! Remainder of questionnaire does not apply. Please return questionnaire.



8.	PRINCIPAL Form of employment:				
(111-112)	01Self-employed - Solo practice				
(113-114)	O2Self-employed · Partnership practice O3Self-employed · Group practice O4Employed by professional corporation established after 1969 If in a partnership, group practice, or corporation, how many OPTOM-ETRISTS are there in the partnership COUNTING YOURSELF?				
(000-000)	05 Employed by - Federal government				
	06 Employed by - Federal Government (non-military)				
	07 Employed by - State or local government				
	S Employed by - Optometrist(s) (Specify)				
•	09 Employed by - Ophthalmologist(s)				
	10 Employed by - Physician(s) other than ophthalmologist(s)				
	11 Employed by . Firm or manufactures (profit making)				
	12 Employed by • Non-profit organization or institution				
	(Specify) 13 Employed in Multidisciplinary Group Practice				
	14 OTHER (Specify)				
(115-117) (116-120) (121-122) (124) (125-127) (126-130)	Teaching (as related to optometry) Teaching (as related to optometry) Moptometric research: Clinical, Basic science, Other Administration (in schools or colleges, associations, etc.) MOTHER (Specify) 100% If ZERO % of your time is spent in OPTOMETRIC PRACTICE, STOP! and return questionnaire. Otherwise, continue.				
(131-132) 10. (133-134)	Practice Optometry: Weeks per year (excluding vacations) Hours per week (available for patient care)				
(135-136) 11.	Years in practice:				
(137-130) 12.	In what YEAR do you intend to retire?				
. 13.	How many CLOCK hours of personal attendance did you devote to continuing education during the past 12 months?				
(139-140)	In courses sponsored by Schools or Colleges? Hours				
(141-142)	In other sponsored educational meetings?Hours				



(214-217)	Ut these associates, how many a	e OPTOMETRI	o io, coun ling yo	UUKSELF?		
[214-215]	how many associates, COUNTING YOURSELF, share these personnel? Of these associates, how many are OPTOMETRISTS, COUNTING YOURSELF?					
(213) 18.	If you have made entries under FOR YOU & ASSOCIATES in the full-time or part-time columns in Item 17 above					
212)	Optical Laboratory(s)? Contact Lens Lab(s)/Technician(s)?			1YES 2NO		
211)	Dispensing Optician(s)?		1 YI			
	In your optometric practice, do you utilize the OUTSIDE services of:					
	***Anyone who performs to receptionist, and exclu Technician					
	Other (Specify)	(165)	(174)	(191-192)	(209-210)	
	Contact Lens Technician	(164)	(173)	(189-190)	(207-208)	
	Optical Technician (shopman)	(163)	(172)	(187-188)	(205-206)	
	Dispensing Optician	(162)	(171)	(185-186)	(203-204)	
	Office trained only	(161)	(170)	(183-184)	(201-202)	
	Received formal training but did not complete program	(160)	(169)	(101-102)	(:97-200)	
	Grad. 2 yr Paraopt. program	(159)	(168)	(179-180)	(197-198)	
	Grad. 1 yr Paraopt, program	(158)	(167)	(177-178)	(195-196)	
•••	Paraoptometric Personnel	(157)	(166)	(175-176)	(193-194)	
•	Secretary, Receptionist	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	
		FOR YOU	ALONE	FOR YOU & AS	SSOCIATES	
		-	*	l in each category that conly one category for	each	
	1 \ YES	2	•	•		
	How many individuals do you estimate are under your care? In your optometric practice, do you EMPLOY supplementary personnel to assist you?					
	Number of VISION ANALYSES	•			_	
	4 Developmental Vision					
144-146)	3Subnormal Vision/Low \	ision%	701	THER	(y) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	2 Visual Training/Orthoptic	;s%	6An	niseikonic Therapy	%	
143)	1 Contact Lenses %		5 Oc	cupational Vision	_ >	

